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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

FROM:

Associate General Counsel

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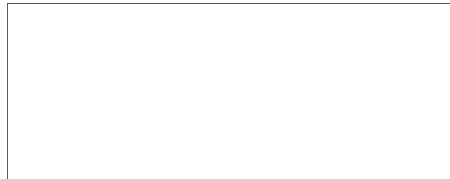
SUBJECT: Inquiry by HPSCI Staffer Concerning CIA "Export" of Arms

1. On 17 November 1982, Ira Goldman, a staffer with the House Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence (HPSCI), called to inquire about a statement in a New York Times article of 6 November 1982. The article in question (attached) reported on the acquittal of five individuals charged with conspiracy to smuggle guns to the Irish Republican Army (IRA). The statement that caught Mr. Goldman's attention says that CIA "has a license to export weapons." Mr. Goldman asked if the statement was accurate and wanted to know the circumstances under which CIA would send weapons abroad.

2. Before responding to Mr. Goldman, I called Pat Long, Associate Counsel for the HPSCI, to ask if there was any official committee interest in this subject. I pointed out to Mr. Long that the Times' article was using the word "license" in a general, non-technical sense and that it really meant "authority." I told Mr. Long, for example, that weapons could be sent abroad by the Agency in the course of a special activity approved by the President, and that such instances and other authorized activities would not require a formal license from the Office of Munitions Control, Department of State, or the Office of Export Administration, Department of Commerce. Mr. Long stated that to his knowledge, there was no committee interest in this matter and suggested that I respond to Mr. Goldman as outlined in our conversation. Mr. Long stated that if Mr. Goldman was not satisfied with my response he would take up the matter with Tom Lattimer, the staff director.

3. On 19 November I called Mr. Goldman and responded to his inquiry along the lines of my discussion with Mr. Long. Mr. Goldman did not indicate that he had any problem with my

response. I do not anticipate any further follow-up by
Mr. Goldman or the HPSCI on this matter.



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Attachment
As stated.